



**AFFIDAVIT FOR TRANSFER OF CERTIFICATE OF TITLE FOR
A VEHICLE / WATERCRAFT WITHOUT ADMINISTRATION**

State Form 18733 (R4 / 9-00)

STATE OF _____ }
COUNTY OF _____ } SS:

I _____, being first duly sworn on _____ depose and say:
Date (month, day, year)

1. That _____ (decedent) died on the _____ day of _____,
☐ leaving a will ☐ without leaving a will (check one) while domiciled in _____ county, Indiana.
2. That no petition for the appointment of a personal representative of this estate is pending or has been granted.
3. That more than five (5) days have passed since the death of the decedent.
4. That the value of the entire assets of the estate of the decedent, wherever those assets are located, after subtracting any liens and encumbrances, does not exceed \$25,000.00.
5. That this affiant is a ☐ widow ☐ distributee of the decedent and is entitled to receive without administration the following vehicle from the person, firm or corporation listed below subject to the liens and encumbrances thereon.

Year	Make	Type	Title number	Manufacturer's / Hull Identification Number
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Name of person, firm or corporation holding property of decedent

This affidavit is made to induce the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles to issue a Certificate of Title for this vehicle:

1. ☐ to the affiant; or
2. ☐ to the purchaser of the vehicle as evidenced by the assignment of title made by the affiant.

Affiant swears or affirms that the information he / she has entered on this form is correct. He / she understands that making a false statement on this form may constitute the crime of perjury.

Signature	Address
Date signed (month, day, year)	

IC 29-1-8-1 as amended by Public Law 118-1997, Section 5 states:

29-1-8-1 small estates; affidavit of conditions; vehicle transfers; securities; insurance death benefits

Sec. 1 (a) Forty-five (45) days after the death of a decedent and upon being presented an affidavit that complies with subsection (b), a person:

1. indebted to the decedent; or
2. having possession of personal property or an instrument evidencing a debt, an obligation, a stock, or a chose in action belonging to the decedent;

shall make a payment of the indebtedness or deliver the personal property or an instrument evidencing a debt, an obligation, a stock, or a chose in action to a person claiming to be entitled to payment or delivery of property of the decedent.

(b) The affidavit required by subsection (a) must be an affidavit made by or on behalf of the claimant stating that:

1. the value of the gross probate estate, wherever located (less liens and encumbrances) does not exceed twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000);
2. forty-five (45) days have elapsed since the death of the decedent;
3. no application or petition for the appointment of a personal representative is pending or has been granted in any jurisdiction; and
4. the claimant is entitled to payment or delivery of the property.

(c) If a motor vehicle or watercraft (as defined in IC 9-13-2-198.5) is part of the estate, nothing in this section shall prohibit a transfer of the Certificate of Title to the motor vehicle if five (5) days have elapsed since the death of the decedent and no appointment of a personal representative is contemplated. A transfer under this subsection shall be made by the Bureau of Motor Vehicles upon receipt of an affidavit containing a statement of the conditions required by subsections (b) (1) and (b) (4). The affidavit must be duly executed by the distributees of the estate.

(d) A transfer agent of a security shall change the registered ownership on the books of a corporation from the decedent to a claimant upon the presentation of an affidavit as provided in subsection (a).

(e) For the purposes of subsection (a), an insurance company that, by reason of the death of the decedent, becomes obligated to pay a death benefit to the estate of the decedent is considered a person indebted to the decedent.

Acts 1975, Public Law 288, section 13 amended IC 1971 29-1-8-2 to read as follows:

The person paying, delivering, transferring, or issuing personal property or the evidence thereof pursuant to affidavit is discharged and released to the same extent as if he dealt with a personal representative of the decedent. He is not required to see to the application of the personal property or evidence thereof or to inquire into the truth of any statement in the affidavit. If any person to whom an affidavit is delivered refuses to pay, deliver, transfer, or issue any personal property or evidence thereof, it may be recovered or its payment, delivery, transfer, or issuance compelled upon proof of their right in a proceeding brought for the purpose by or on behalf of the persons entitled thereto. Any person to whom payment, delivery, transfer or issuance is made is answerable and accountable therefore to any personal representative of the estate or to any other person having a superior right.